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MT. VERNON MAN SENTENCED IN METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on June 1, 2006, **OLINE E. TWIGGS**, age 46 of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. TWIGGS was sentenced to 262 months imprisonment, was fined \$500, and was placed on 10 years supervised release. TWIGGS had previously pleaded guilty to a one count federal indictment, charging him with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and other state and local law enforcement authorities.

In addition, the Jefferson County States Attorney's Office has assisted throughout the investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.